

# DECEMBER 2012 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



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## Saturday, December 1, 2012

### 9:00 a.m. Auto Tour – Wreckage of Time: Fish Creek Badlands

7.5 Hours



Join Paul Remeika on a visit into the stony depths of Split Mountain Gorge to see the initial rock record of sedimentation within the Salton Basin. Follow Fish Creek Wash on a fantastic journey through a host of sedimentary layerings to Sandstone Canyon. Several short hikes will introduce participants to the complex history of the badlands.

Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$70/\$60 for ABF members

### 11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.



### 12:00 p.m. Talk – Tailgate Tour

1 Hour

Join the only California State Park pilot, Ranger Kelly McCague, for a special presentation about her responsibilities and see the park plane up close. Program will be conducted at the Borrego Springs Airport. Meet her at the airport office and she will take you to the plane.

### 3:00 p.m. Class – Sunset Photography Tour

4 Hours



Join photographers Ernie and Kati Cowan for a spectacular sunset photo tour to one of Anza-Borrego's most iconic locations, Fonts Point. Learn techniques that will turn your afternoon and evening photographs into works of art. Workshop open to anyone interested in improving his/her landscape photography skills. Class will include a few short walks.

Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$45/\$35 for ABF members

### 6:00 p.m. Talk – Tailgate Tour

1 Hour

Q & A Session with Ranger Dennis at Bow Willow.

### 7:30 p.m. Campfire-♿ – Bats of Borrego and Beyond

1 Hour

Bats are in the air, everywhere! Find out why these mysterious night flyers are disappearing and how you can help protect them. Meet Ranger Jeri at Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.



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## Sunday, December 2, 2012

### 7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk

**1.5 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.



### 9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

**3 Hours**

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.



### 9:00 a.m. Auto Tour – Anza-Borrego’s Military Past

**7 Hours**



Explore Anza-Borrego Desert State Park’s significant, yet little-known military past with retired ranger and history buff Fred Jee. This class will introduce you to remnants of the military experience, dating from World War II, which left a lasting impression on segments of the Park. After a short presentation, an auto tour will visit military artifacts at Clark Dry Lake, Fault Wash, and Military Wash. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$50/\$40 for ABF members

### 10:00 a.m. Hike – Voices, Visions, and Views of Alcoholic Pass

**3 Hours**

Hike Alcoholic Pass! Join Volunteer Naturalists Ron & Peg Poitras to experience and discover the prehistory, history, and present day journey of those who have used this trail for food, water, work, and fun. This is a 3 hour excursion into the pass. Meet at the north end of DiGiorgio Road. This is a strenuous but relatively short hike. Bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.

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## Thursday, December 6, 2012

### 9:00 a.m. Hike - Earthquake Valley Panorama

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists, Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund, for a moderate 4-mile hike up Plum Canyon to an overlook high over Earthquake Valley. Discover some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the entrance to Plum Canyon off Highway 78.

### December 6-9 - Women's Wilderness Backpack Adventure

3 Days



Inspired by the book *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed, this 3-day, women-only adventure led by Janene Colby and Nancy Wittig will take you into the wilds of the Anza-Borrego Desert. For beginners, the trip will be an introduction to desert backpacking. More practiced outdoorswomen will enjoy a fun group experience in a seldom-visited area of the park. The trip will include up to 8 miles of moderate hiking per day and 2 nights of backcountry camping. Participants provide their own equipment and meals. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$160/\$140 for ABF members

## Saturday, December 8, 2012

### 9:00 a.m. Bike/Hike – Borrego Palm Canyon Bike & Hike

4 Hours

“Saddle up” with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker for the all-new fun 1-mile bike ride from the Visitor Center to the Borrego Palm Canyon Trailhead. Rendezvous at 9:30 with waiting hikers and explore with Dan the seldom-hiked scenic wonder that is the alternate trail to the Palm Canyon Oasis (3 miles hiking, round trip). Wear sturdy footwear and bring water, snack and biking helmet.

### 11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

### 2:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Those Amazing Desert Plants!

45 Minutes

Explore the Visitor Center garden with Park Interpreter Sally Theriault and discover some of the unique strategies that help plants survive here. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

### 7:30 p.m. Campfire Program – Owls: The Eyes into Your Culture

1 Hour

Bow Willow Ranger D.L. Stephen takes you on a journey exploring why owls are important to numerous cultures. *This is not your typical campfire program* but takes you back to a time when people gathered around a campfire, telling stories. This story tells the tale of the night's silent hunters' position in different cultures' mythology through the use of various forms of puppetry. Meet at the Campfire Center in Borrego Palm Canyon campground.



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## Sunday, December 9, 2012

### 9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

### 9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground

1 Hour

Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this program geared for children ages 7-12.

### 11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Cahuilla Medicine Chest

45 Minutes

Join Volunteer Naturalist Mike Bigelow to learn about the medicine chest full of effective treatments that the Cahuilla people utilized long before the first Europeans arrived.

### 1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Borregos in Their Park

1 Hour

If you haven't had the opportunity to get up close and personal with the namesake of the Park, or even if you have seen the Desert Bighorns, you can learn what makes these animals the favorites of Park visitors. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the world of the Desert Bighorn.

## Monday, December 10, 2012

### 10:00 a.m. - ♿ Botany Lecture – Curiouser and Curiouser: A Walk Through Fascinating Desert Plants on Wayne's Word®

1 Hour

Wayne Armstrong, professor emeritus in the Life Sciences Department at Palomar College in San Marcos, will talk about desert plants in this lecture sponsored by the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Botany Society. The public is welcome. There is no charge. Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

## Thursday, December 13, 2012

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Squeeze through the Slot

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a moderate 3-mile round trip hike through a winding slot canyon with rugged walls, overhanging rocks, and maybe even a couple wild flowers. You will have to negotiate some tight squeezes and a short climb up a very steep hill. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at Buttes Pass Road, 1.5 miles east of Borrego Springs Road on Highway 78.

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## Friday, December 14, 2012

### 9:00 a.m. Paleontology Lecture- ♿ - Odontology

3 Hours

Dr. Lyndon Murray, District Paleontologist, will present this lecture as part of the Volunteer Paleontology lecture series. Open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

### 9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him in his volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

### 7:30 p.m. Talk - Stargazing with Binoculars (rainy or cloudy weather cancels)

1 Hour

Meet at the Visitor Center to discover how binoculars can help you explore the beautiful night sky! Dress warmly and bring binoculars, if you have them, and a flashlight (red lens preferable).

## Saturday, December 15, 2012

### 7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk

1.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.



### 8:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

4 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Mike Bigelow will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him in his volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

### 9:30 a.m. Hike -Ghost Mountain

2 Hours

Experience the Marshal South story on this trek up Ghost Mountain with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker. The hike is steep but relatively short (one mile up, one mile down) and offers a glimpse into the family's life on this remote mountain top. Bring water, a snack, hat and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Marshal South Homesite Trailhead in Blair Valley (turn off Highway S-2 near Mile Marker 23 and follow the dirt road almost 3 miles). This hike will end before the 'Ehmuu Morteros hike begins, making it possible for participants to enjoy both.

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## Saturday, December 15, 2012 (continued)

### 11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

### 12:00 p.m. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the ‘Ehmuu Morteros 2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Kumeyaay Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archaeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morteros trailhead in Blair Valley, about 3 miles off Highway S-2 on a dirt road (turn into Blair Valley near mile marker 23).

### 7:30 p.m. Campfire- ♿ Day Trips in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

1 Hour

Join Ranger Jennifer for a fun campfire as she discusses day trips you can take in the park. Both 4WD and 2WD trips are included. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

## Sunday, December 16, 2012

### 9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

### 9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground

1 Hour

Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this program geared for children ages 7-12.

### 9:00 a.m. Bike/Hike – Borrego Palm Canyon Bike & Hike

4 Hours

“Saddle up” with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker for the all-new fun 1-mile bike ride from the Visitor Center to the Borrego Palm Canyon Trailhead. Rendezvous at 9:30 with waiting hikers and explore with Dan the seldom-hiked scenic wonder that is the alternate trail to the Palm Canyon Oasis (3 miles hiking, round trip). Wear sturdy footwear and bring water, snack and biking helmet.

### 10:00 a.m. Auto Tour – Scarred Landscape

2 Hours

Meet Ranger Zemon at the entrance to Culp Valley. We will drive along the Old Culp Valley road to view the path of the recent Wilson Fire. Find out about the role of fire in chaparral. We may walk a short distance from our vehicles. High clearance vehicles are required. The program will be cancelled for stormy weather.

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## Thursday, December 20, 2012

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Mine Wash Vista

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a drive back into mine wash where we will continue on foot for a 4-mile round trip hike with ever-changing sights around each bend. We will need to climb a couple of 4-foot dry waterfalls on our way to a spectacular view of Shelter Valley. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the beginning of Mine Wash Road, 2.7 miles east of the Tamarisk Grove intersection on Highway 78.

## Friday, December 21, 2012

### 5:30 p.m. Winter Solstice Members-Only Sale

2.5 Hours



Join us at the State Park Visitor Center for this special sale offering ABF members special discounts on all merchandise. Take this opportunity to save on last-minute gifts unique to Anza-Borrego. Every purchase supports the park! Refreshments will be served. RSVP to 760-767-4063.

## Saturday, December 22, 2012

### 9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her in her volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

### 10:00 a.m. Hike – Hikes & Hops: Borrego Mountain Wash

6 Hours

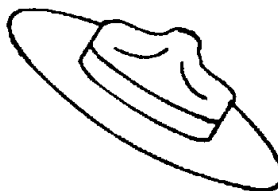


Take a day to decompress from holiday stress and discover some hidden beauties of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. At the end of an exciting exploration through a slot canyon you will relax at a breathtaking viewpoint to enjoy fine beers. Bring a trail lunch and an easy chair to relax in with a cold beer after the hike. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$15/\$10 for ABF members

### 11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

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## Saturday, December 22, 2012 (continued)

**7:30 p.m. – Campfire  Who are the Creatures in Your Neighborhood?**

**1 Hour**

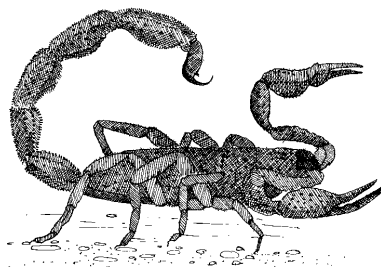
Diurnal, Nocturnal, Desert Life

Relies on temperature to make livin' right!

Come to campfire with Ranger Steve

Learn things about Desert Creatures you won't believe!

Meet Ranger Steve at the Campfire Center in Borrego Palm Canyon campground.



## Sunday, December 23, 2012

**7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk**

**1.5 Hours**

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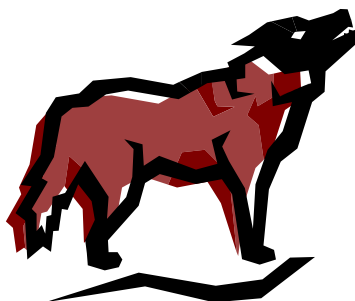
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## Sunday, December 23, 2012 (continued)

### 1:00 p.m. Talk - "Song Dog" ... The Wiley Coyote

45 Minutes

Have you heard them at night? Have you seen them...even during the day? Coyotes are increasing their range and increasing their numbers, and they're right here in Anza-Borrego and in town too. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the myths and realities of our desert neighbor.



## Tuesday, December 25, 2012

### 10:00 a.m. Walk – Campground Trail Stroll

Meet Joe Hopkins at the flagpole for a leisurely stroll from the Visitor Center to the campground. Joe will share tidbits on plants, animals, and geology. Trail's end will be a jumping off point for several other hiking adventures if you wish. The hike is 0.6 miles one way.

## Wednesday, December 26, 2012

### 3:00 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a desert hike to enjoy the sunset over the mountains and return under the nearly full moon to get a different perspective of the desert at a surprise location. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight (to be used only if necessary). Limited to 15 participants – please sign up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details.

## Thursday, December 27, 2012

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – South Palm Wash

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a hike up a wash, then into a beautiful slot canyon up to a 20-25 foot dry waterfall. There is a rockfall about 100 meters before the waterfall that can be negotiated by those who choose. Meet at the overlook at Mile Marker 38.2 on S22 (at the phone call box near the Calcite Mine) for this moderate 4-mile hike.

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## Friday, December 28, 2012

### 6:00 p.m. Early Bird Campfire for Kids-♿

1 Hour

Ranger Jeri Zemon will share campfire songs, stories, and activities for kids (ages 3-8) and their families. Don't forget to bring your favorite marshmallow roasting stick! Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

## Saturday, December 29, 2012

### 11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

### 1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - What Kind of Bird is That? – Basic Birding in Borrego

45 Minutes

Visitors to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park often ask about birds they've seen. There are over 300 bird species found in the park, but there are a few that visitors will almost always see. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus in the Discovery Lab to learn about the most commonly seen birds in the park, as well as where to find them. Novice birders can easily learn 15 different species, and more experienced birders will learn some fascinating new insights into the behavior of some species they already know.



### 7:30 p.m. – Campfire -♿ - Ranger Surprise

1 Hour

Join Ranger Don at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.

## Sunday, December 30, 2012

### 9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground

1 Hour

Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this program geared for children ages 7-12.

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# DECEMBER 2012 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Tuesday, January 1, 2012

**Celebrate the New Year with a Hike in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park!**



**9:00 a.m. Walk—Behind the Ghost Mountain Story: Facts, Fabrications and Embellishments 2 Hours**

Learn about the Marshall South family and their experiment in primitive living on a remote mountain top. Join Volunteer Naturalists Mike and Jan Bigelow on this 2 mile round-trip, steep but scenic walk up Ghost Mountain. Bring water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Marshall South Home Trailhead in Blair Valley. Rain cancels.

**10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Resolution Hike: Hike Alcoholic Pass!**

**3 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ron & Peg Poitras to experience and discover the prehistory, history, and present-day journey of those who have used this trail for food, water, work, and fun. This is a 4 hour excursion into the pass. Meet at the north end of DiGiorgio Road. This is a strenuous but relatively short hike, bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.

**10:00 a.m. Hike – Borrego Mountain West Butte**

**3 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson for a moderate 3-mile (round trip) hike to the top of one of our smaller peaks, but with great views! There will be some walking on narrow ridges and scrambling on rocks toward the summit. Meet just off Highway #78 at the intersection of Buttes Pass Road, 1.5 miles east of Borrego Springs Road.

**11:00 a.m. Hike – Plum Canyon**

**3 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan on a moderate 4 mile hike up Plum Canyon. We will enjoy a variety of plants, rocks and bends as we hike to a spectacular overlook. Wear boots, carry water, and bring a snack. Meet at Plum Canyon off Highway 78, west of S-3. From there we will carpool to the trailhead. Limited to 12 participants. Sign up at the Visitor Center.

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### DESERT SAFETY

✓ **Carry water AND drink it**

Saving your water for the hike back has led to death in Anza-Borrego. Drink plenty of water before you leave home, while you hike, and on the return route. If you feel thirsty, it is already too late. Drink lots of water and drink often.

✓ **Make sure your vehicle is desert-ready.**

Equip your vehicle for the desert. You should always carry extra water, a shade tarp, a shovel, a tire pump, and extra food.

✓ **Prepare yourself.**

In addition to carrying water, you should have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit which includes a comb and tweezers.

✓ **Have a plan.**

Leave all your trip information with a friend. Tell him/her your destination, the route you intend to follow, your expected return time, a description of your vehicle with license plate number, and the time by which he/she should notify park authorities in case you do not return.

✓ **Do not split up the group**

Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.

✓ **Leave snakes alone.**

Many venomous snakes live in the desert. If you threaten them, they may strike. It is illegal to harass, catch, or kill any snake within Anza-Borrego. If bitten, remain calm and seek immediate medical attention.

✓ **When emergencies happen ...**

Stop. Stay calm. Seek shelter. If you are with your vehicle, remain there; do not leave it. Signal with mirrors, white cloth, whistle (three short blasts on a whistle, pause, then three more, repeat frequently), and put your hood up. It is much easier to find a vehicle in the desert than a person!!!

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